



Flowers were left at the intersection of Barrington and Sackville Streets in memory of 27-year-old Jaclyn Hennessey yesterday. Hennessey died after she was hit by a dump truck on Monday morning.

Accident victim ID'd

Investigation continues to determine if charges will be laid

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A 27-year-old female pedestrian killed Monday morning after she was hit by a dump truck in downtown Halifax has been identified.

Jaclyn Hennessey of Halifax was pronounced dead at the scene after she was struck crossing Barrington and Sackville

Streets just before 10:30 a.m.

The dump truck, driven by a 50-year-old man, was heading south on Barrington Street when it turned right onto Sackville Street and ran over the victim.

The woman's body was covered by a tarp near the rear left wheel of the dump truck by police



Jaclyn Hennessey

as more than a dozen people stood nearby watching the investigation.

The Halifax Regional Police Accident Investigation Unit is continuing to investigate the collision and have yet to determine if any charges will be laid.

A Facebook group titled In loving memory of

Jaclyn Hennessey was started yesterday with people describing her as someone who was always smiling and who wanted everyone around her to be happy.

"Jaclyn was awesome, always sweet and loved her friends very much," one person wrote on the site's wall. "This is a horrible tragedy. We are lucky to have known her. We will miss her very much."

Cops hope to 'keep lid' on Spryfield drug war

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SHOOTING Halifax Regional Police are looking to ensure "the lid stays on" a drug war in the Spryfield area after several shots were fired in the parking lot of Jessy's Pizza on Herring Cove Road late Monday afternoon.

Reports indicate the intended victim was Jimmy Melvin Sr., who was released in 2006 after serving close to half of a 22-year sentence for drug trafficking and assaulting a peace officer.

"Any time bullets fly, obviously we're concerned," HRP Const. Jeff Carr said yesterday. "But I'm not going to comment on any names or whether or not there is a rivalry (going on). There are always ongoing disputes in the drug trade."

Melvin wasn't hit by any bullets, but suffered minor injuries trying to avoid them.

About an hour after Monday's shooting, Melvin's son, Jimmy Melvin Jr., arrived at the scene and later told reporters, "There is no rats in the Melvin family."

He followed that by shouting "death before dishonour," as the car he was in drove away.

The Melvin family was alleged to have been in a feud with the Marriott family after Wayne Nicholas Marriott was shot to death in Beechville in June of 2006. Several businesses and homes were firebombed or shot at following the killing, including this same Jessy's location, which is reportedly owned by Jimmy Melvin Sr.'s wife.



"Death before dishonour."
Jimmy Melvin Jr.

"We'll do our best to make sure it doesn't" Carr said about any possible retaliation. "Believe me, we're targeting those who we know are involved in the criminal element."

Later Monday night, a Jeep Cherokee was lit on fire on Litchfield Crescent in Spryfield. Carr wouldn't comment on whether this vehicle was related to the shooting, but said it had been seized.

"There is a feeling this is not over," conceded area councillor Steve Adams. "It's going to be some quite tense moments over the next little while."

Shots fired outside IWK

WOUNDED Shots were fired outside the IWK children's hospital last night.

Police responded to the call last night at around 7 p.m. They were told multiple shots were fired.

They found a man in his mid-20s suffering from a

non-life threatening gunshot wound. He was taken to the QEII hospital for treatment.

Police were still investigating last night, but said it's not believed to be a random act.

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Atlantic fare served up

The Windy City sampled Atlantic Canadian fare during a trade mission this week. Over 300 people from the Chicago area met with Atlantic Canadian food producers and suppliers at a function Monday night. Mussels, fish cakes, and, obviously, Atlantic salmon were a few of the yummy items up for discussion.

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Local wins GG award

LITERARY Halifax's Catherine Banks was among the list of winners for the Governor General's Literary Awards announced yesterday by the Canada Council for the Arts.

Banks won in the English drama category for her work *Bone Cage*, which is a poetic and darkly humorous portrayal of life in rural Nova Scotia.

Banks' receives \$25,000 for her win. **METRO HALIFAX**

News in brief

HOUSING SURVEY Residential mortgage consumers remain positive as they weather the financial storm, according to a report released today by the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals. Attitudes toward local conditions have shifted only slightly with 38 per cent of Canadians believing now is a good time to purchase and 32 per cent believing it is a bad time. Mortgage arrears remain low and steady at 28 per cent.

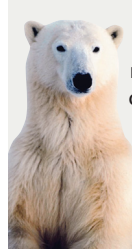
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Green space out, hospital in

Council votes to give former Commons land to district health authority

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Regional council approved giving up the rest of the Queen Elizabeth High School land to become part of a hospital expansion yesterday.

The city is exchanging the former Halifax Commons land, as well as several other parcels, with the province to help pay for land at the corner of Queen Street and Spring Garden Road. That's the site where the city wants to build a new Central Library.

The Capital District Health Authority hasn't decided the size or type of healthcare building that will go where the decrepit school stands now at the corner of Bell Road and Robie Street. But Peter Bigelow, HRM's manager of Real Property Planning, said it will be set back



The Queen Elizabeth High School property is part of a land swap between the city and the province.

from the street by a strip of green space and have pedestrian access.

Bigelow said the project necessitates widening Bell Road from three to four

lanes.

"There is a need that emergency vehicles can actually get through, so that they're not held up by one lane of traffic," he said.

Bigelow said the widening will also ease the traffic flow of cars, buses and cyclists to the south-end.

Not everyone was for the plan. Friends of the Halifax

Common community group wanted the land turned back into green space, according to the city's Halifax Commons Plan.

The land exchange also includes turning a strip of the Victoria General parking lot on South Park Street back into green space. The site was also formerly Halifax Commons land.

Lower Sackville Coun. Bob Harvey said he hoped the whole block would be made back into city park land.

"I want that sent as marching orders — that (Capital Health has) to re-work this thing," he said. "We want that whole green thing extended the whole width to South Street or I want to see a good reason why it can't be done."

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NDP say jails understaffed after Burnside incident

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Was it a jail riot or under control scuffle? Depends on who you ask.

The NDP point to a lockdown at the Burnside jail as proof guards are understaffed and in danger.

Guards had to use pepper spray after inmates refused to leave two day-

rooms and return to their cells Monday evening, according to an NDP-released email from a jail guard.

Guards left the room and a standoff began that lasted from about 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. Guards had to be pulled from other parts of the prison and some were called in from home.

Eventually guards sprayed pepper spray into the room and entered with

Tasers. The inmates then obeyed and returned to their cells.

The email said the rooms were trashed and the inmates seemed to be under the influence of some substance.

The NDP used the event to slam the government. "They are double-

bunked now in a facility that was designed for single bunking," said NDP Leader Darrell Dexter.

"This is creating difficulties within the correctional centre and who's left to deal with it? Well, it's the correctional guards."

But Justice Minister Cecil Clarke said situations like

this are bound to happen in jails and everything went according to plan. Clarke said the NDP was spinning the event.

"It's a jail. It's not a daycare. People are there for a reason and it's not surprising from time to time they act out," said Clarke.

"This is something that happens. There are protocols in place to respond to it. They followed those protocols."

"It's a jail. It's not a daycare."

Cecil Clarke,
Justice Minister

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Mason to represent province in Mass.

Blues musician Garrett Mason has been selected to perform at the Boston Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 4th. A tree is donated to Boston every year in thanks for their support after the Halifax Explosion. **METRO HALIFAX**

Council approves Canada Games financial plan

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Halifax regional council approved a financial plan for the 2011 Canada Games yesterday. But some councillors worried the city could be on the hook for any potential deficit.

The federal and provincial governments both chipped in \$22.24-million for the games. The city contributed \$8.75-million.

But only the city is responsible for any shortfall if the games go over budget.

City staff said that in the 41-year history of the Canada Games, no deficit has ever been incurred.

Coun. Bob Harvey said he's worried about the impact of an economic downturn. "I'm worried when we have to count on sponsorship programs of \$8-million," he said.

J.P. Deveau, chair of the 2011 Canada Winter Games host society, said sponsorship is going well and no one is dropping off. Deveau, who's also the president of Acadian Seaplants Ltd., said if his community-based organizing committee can't raise enough money, changes would be made to the games in order to stay

within the budget.

Coun. David Hendsbee worried about transparency and said he doesn't want to go through any more "clandestine discussions" like during the failed Commonwealth Games bid.

Paul Dunphy, HRM's director of community development, said the budget will be monitored through quarterly reports and everything will be dealt with in public meetings.

The games are expected to generate \$81-million in economic activity for the province, \$60-million of which is in HRM.

Venues

A complete list of sporting venues will be announced in January, but here's what's in place so far:

- **Halifax Common** — long track speed skating
- **Halifax Forum** — boxing
- **Metro Centre** — hockey
- **Cole Harbour Place** — ringette
- **Dartmouth Sportsplex** — hockey
- **St. Margarets Centre** — short track speed skating and figure skating
- **Mainland Common Centre** — badminton and artistic gymnastics

Athletes Village to be set up downtown

ACCOMODATIONS There will be a flurry of activity in the city when the largest multi-winter-sporting event in the country kicks off in February 2011.

Details of how the 2011 Canada Winter Games will unfold were announced yesterday during yesterday's Regional council meeting.

The athlete's village will be located downtown Halifax at several hotels and the World Trade and Con-

vention Centre.

J.P. Deveau, chair of the 2011 Canada Winter Games host society, said this is something that's normally not done.

"The downtown of HRM will be buzzing with excitement," he said. "There will be tons of activity."

Opening and closing ceremonies of the two-week event will be at the Metro Centre and broadcast live nationally.

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX



Saul Mansour has full vision in his right eye thanks to a new wonder drug called Lucentis, which halts the bleeding of the eye caused by macular degeneration. The only problem? Most people can't afford the \$2,000 price tag for each treatment.

Lobbying for Lucentis

Drug slows onset of blindness, but is not covered by province

Saul Mansour has forked over \$10,000 for a new treatment to slow macular degeneration in his eyes and possibly save his eyesight.

But every time the New Glasgow man drives to Halifax for the treatment, he feels guilty.

"I look around at the other people in the waiting room at the old Victoria General Hospital who go to this clinic, I see all those poor souls sitting there, and I feel so guilty," he said. "They can't afford this treatment, they're most likely going to go blind."

Macular degeneration results in the loss of vision due to bleeding in the eye, which, if unchecked, floods

"It's done remarkable things for me, but most people can't afford it."

Saul Mansour

the retina of the eye. It can make it difficult, or even impossible, for people to recognize faces and ultimately, it leads to blindness. While there is no cure for macular degeneration, people can maintain and even improve their vision with the use of a drug called Lucentis.

Although the drug has been approved in Canada, the treatment isn't covered under the provincial health plan, and it's pricey — \$2,000 for each time the drug is injected into the

white of the eye.

Mansour knows just how well it works. He credits the injections with saving his sight.

"It's done remarkable things for me, but most people can't afford it," he said. "I don't know why it's not covered — it's a lot cheaper to save people's sight now rather than having the government pay for everything they'll need if they're blind."

It's an issue the NDP caucus has raised in the legislature this month. Pictou

West MLA Charlie Parker says he's been working with Mansour for well over a year now to lobby government to put Lucentis on its list of "covered" drugs.

The committee that decides what drugs are covered by MSI is scheduled to meet this fall. In correspondence to a Cape Breton woman with macular degeneration who can't afford the Lucentis treatment, Health Minister Chris d'Entremont indicated that, "we are working with the company and the other public drug plans in Canada to hopefully provide reimbursement in the near future."

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

School bus driver strike looms as talks break down: Union

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NEGOTIATIONS The union representing school bus drivers says a strike could be looming.

Talks between the

province and the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union have broken down. Stock Transportation's final offer was a three per cent increase each year of a four-year deal, according to a release from the union.

"This offer is an insult," said NSGEU President Joan Jessome.

There are 290 members of Local 78B, who transport more than 23,000 children throughout the HRM.

Union members will

take a vote in January, and the bargaining team is recommending members reject the deal.

After the vote, the conciliator will file a report, triggering a 14-day countdown to legal strike position.

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Grits propose emergency room stop-gap

HEALTH The provincial Liberals want to see a new computer database that will help keep emergency rooms from closing.

The system would instantly update if one of Nova Scotia's smaller ERs closed because no doctor was available. The idea is that a list of nearby doctors on record would be contacted to see if they could fill in.

"I don't think it's the big solution. I think it's something to say, look, we've got a problem with emergency room closures so this is a

"I don't think it's the big solution."

Dave Wilson,
Liberal health critic

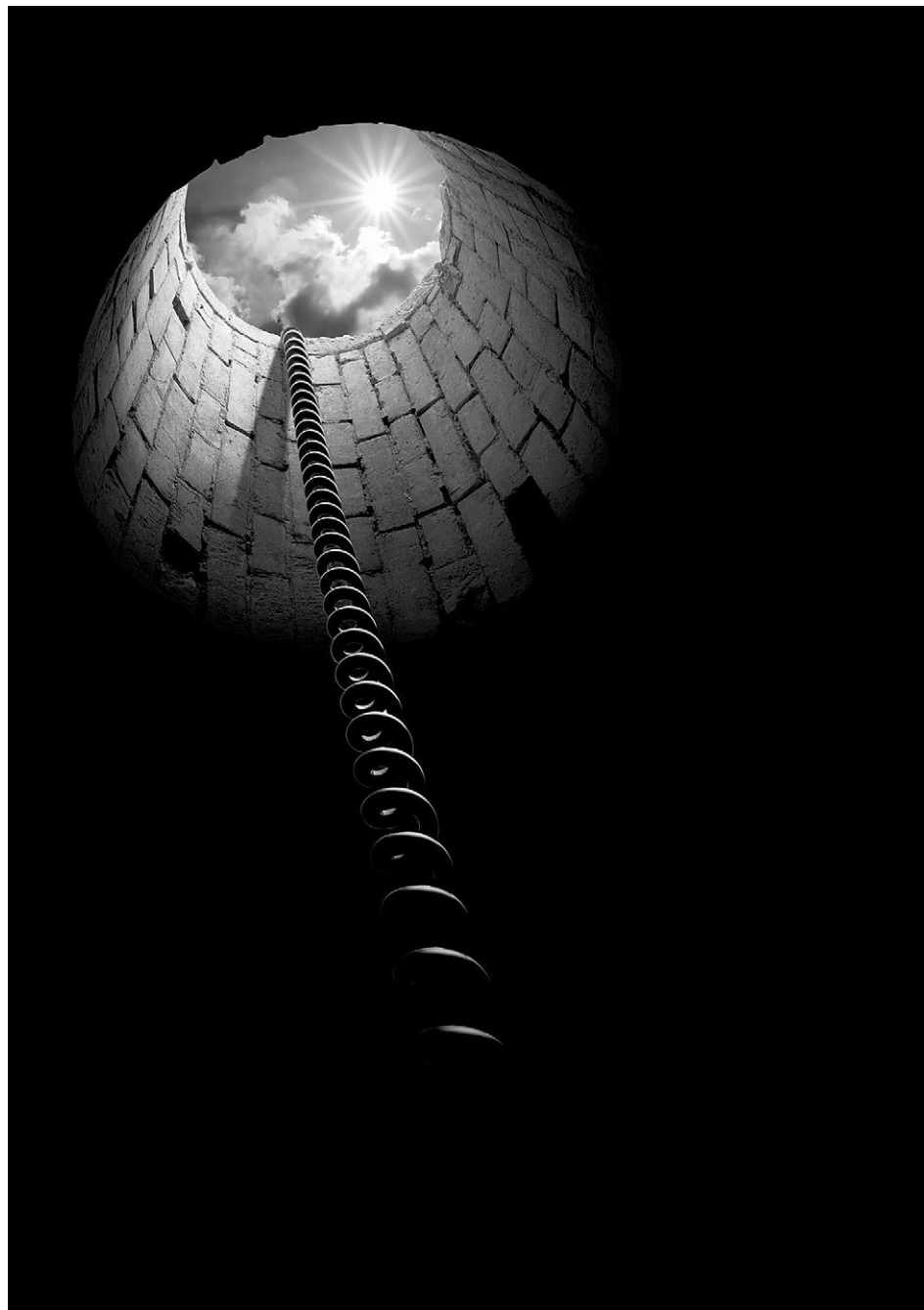
possible solution to at least fill in the gaps," said Liberal health critic Dave Wilson, who introduced a bill yesterday to create the system.

The bill wouldn't change what's being done now, but Liberals hope having a single, computerized system would make the process more efficient.

Health Minister Chris d'Entremont didn't reject the idea, but didn't endorse it either. D'Entremont told the legislature small emergency rooms are open 98 per cent of the time. He said the computer system could help, but it's only a stop-gap measure.

"The core of the problem is getting doctors to move to these rural areas," said d'Entremont.

The idea for such a system was originally presented in recent years by local doctors. **PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX**



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2010 Let women ski jump



Canadian ski jumper Zoya Lynch talks to reporters during a news conference in Vancouver yesterday. There is still enough time for women's ski jumping to make it into the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver even though a court has delayed hearing a legal challenge to the sport's exclusion until next April, organizers of the lawsuit said yesterday.

HRMbyDesign yea vs nay

Debate starts at law amendments committee

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Heritage activists flocked to the legislature yesterday to block HRMbyDesign. But others, such as business leaders and mayor Peter Kelly, came to its defence.

Heritage Trust members depicted the plan as anti-democratic and even Machiavellian in its moves to speed up development.

"(HRMbyDesign) would cause a massive transfer of power from the public to municipal staff," said Heritage Trust president Phil Pacey.

"It would do this by increasing municipal discretion and decreasing public rights."

But proponents of the plan argued the current system is antiquated and inefficient. They argued HRMbyDesign is needed to grow downtown Halifax.

"Over 70 competing and sometimes conflicting policies must be interpreted ... we need a better process."

Fred Morley, Greater Halifax Partnership

The debate went back and forth for hours yesterday at the law amendments committee public hearing. HRMbyDesign is specific to Halifax, but needs to be approved by the province.

Heritage activists insisted developments can still be approved under the current rules. But Fred Morley, Executive Vice President of the Greater Halifax Partnership, argued Halifax needs change.

"The existing process is lengthy and can be frustrating for developers, citizens and staff," said Morley.

"Over 70 competing and sometimes conflicting policies must be interpreted ... we need a better process."

Other points of contention include a limit of 30 days for design reviews. Proponents say it will help shorten the approval process from years to months. But opponents say it rushes important decisions and doesn't give time for access to information.

"Requiring reviews to be completed in a month simply invites sloppiness and a haphazard review," said Pacey.

The law amendments committee can choose to make changes to the bill before sending it for a vote.

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News in brief

CRASH An 18-year-old man is dead after an accident on Highway 207 in Seaforth Monday night. RCMP say it looks like the man's vehicle went left of centre just before 10 p.m. It struck an oncoming SUV going the other way. The man was pronounced dead at the scene, while the driver of the other vehicle had minor injuries.

BUST A shopping list of drugs was seized from a search on

Quinn Street Monday night. Police found coke, hash, marijuana, ecstasy, Oxycontin, and Seroquel. They also seized \$1,500 in cash, scales and packaging. A man and woman were arrested and were expected to appear in court yesterday.

VANDALS Police in Stellarton are investigating an act of vandalism that occurred on the weekend. Sometime between 7 p.m. Friday and 6

a.m. Saturday, a person(s) broke about 14 windows and also stole a battery from equipment belonging to Cape Breton Central Nova Railway. "Numerous windows were smashed out of pieces of railway equipment," says Hugh Muir, the interim police chief for Stellarton. "The damage is fairly substantial." A police officer was brought in to take photographs and search for fingerprints at the crime scene, he added. **METRO HALIFAX**

Trial for murdered B.C. girl begins in China

A trial began Monday in China for the 18-year-old Chinese man accused of murdering B.C. model Diana O'Brien in Shanghai in July. China's official Xinhua news agency reported that the hearing for the accused, Chen Jun, lasted about two hours. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Men plead guilty in horse deaths

Two men who faced charges after the carcasses of nearly 30 horses were discovered at a farm near Andrew, Alta., each pleaded guilty yesterday to one count of allowing animals to be in distress. Axel Hinz-Schleuter and Dale Huber were originally charged with 12 of the distress counts under the Animal Protection Act, but the Crown withdrew the remaining 11 charges after guilty pleas were entered on the one count.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Crash survivor amazes doctors

MARIA COOTAUCO
for Metro Canada



The lone survivor of a plane that went down on an island near Sechelt, B.C., on Sunday killing seven passengers is expected to make a full recovery within two to three weeks, his doctors said yesterday.

"The long-term prognosis is very good," said Dr. Anthony Papp, director of the burn unit at Vancouver General Hospital. "Most likely, he's not going to need any surgery."

Thirty-six-year-old Tom Wilson of Fort Saskat-

chewan, Alta. was on his way to Powell River, B.C., to train Peter Kiewit Sons employees when the Pacific Coastal Air Grumman Goose plane he was riding crashed into a mountain on South Thormanby Island.

hospital

• Tom Wilson's doctors say he is expected to remain in hospital for a few more days.

After the plane crashed, Wilson hiked for more than two hours to a beach, where he was rescued by Canadian Coast Guard volunteers — a feat that astounded his doctors.

"It's remarkable he hasn't suffered any serious internal injuries," said Dr. John Reid, Wilson's attending physician.

Dragging them back to work

POLITICS They called for change, but in the end they stuck with experience and a side of optimism.

Peter Milliken, the Liberal MP from Kingston and the Islands who has been Speaker of the House of Commons since 2001, was re-elected by fellow MPs to the prestigious and demanding post yesterday.

It took five ballots for Milliken, challenged by seven other MPs, to win back his job. Many of the challengers campaigned on promises of restoring order and civility to the Commons, the scene of rancorous, partisan exchanges in recent years.

The Commons convened yesterday for the first time since the Oct. 14 election. The government's throne speech will be read today.

In the new minority Par-



liament, the Conservatives hold 143 seats, the Liberals 77, the Bloc Québécois 49 and the New Democratic

Party 37. There are two independent MPs — André Arthur and Bill Casey.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

QUEBEC Premier Jean Charest, whose criticism of federal arts cuts hampered the federal Conservatives' bid for election gains in Quebec, is trying to secure support within the cultural community. Yesterday, Charest promised that a re-elected Liberal government would eliminate the 7.5 per cent provincial sales tax on Quebec cultural products, including compact discs and videos, and movie, museum and cultural event tickets.

DRIVERS Ontario has introduced legislation which will make it illegal for drivers under 21 to have any alcohol in their system when they're behind the wheel and limit teen passengers to one.

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Tougher rules for seniors?

Cognitive decline poses many driving hazards

In Step

Christine Williams

Politics and social issues

As Ontario prepares to implement tougher legislation on new drivers, one father in particular has been at the forefront of the campaign to convince the Ontario government to implement zero tolerance rules for drinking and speeding.

Tim Mulcahy began his fight in July after the death of his 20-year-old son Tyler, who crashed through a guardrail following an afternoon of drinking. Two other passengers were also killed, leaving Tyler's girlfriend the lone survivor. Mr. Mulcahy later learned that his son had a history of

speeding tickets. He now argues that Tyler could have been alive today if his licence had been revoked.

Several Canadian provinces have been clamping down on teen drinking and driving. Manitoba and Nova Scotia have zero-tolerance policies, and Ontario's laws are said to be the strictest in the country.

While many would applaud a decision to impose tougher rules — given the numerous tragic outcomes when you blend youthful zeal, alcohol and vehicle speed — there is another growing deadly phenomenon that we need to confront: Cognitively declining seniors who keep on driving, even when they have become a danger on the road.

This hazard is too often ignored because of obvious sensitivities pertaining to independence and autonomy. To the credit of many seniors, they self-regulate their driving habits like avoiding rush-hour traffic, inclement weather condi-

"While age is not necessarily a sentence to throw away the car keys, inevitable changes do occur with hearing, vision, depth perception, flexibility and reaction time."

tions and driving in the night.

These seniors recognize that while age is not necessarily a sentence to throw away the car keys, inevitable changes do occur with hearing, vision, depth perception, flexibility and reaction time.

But the toughest challenge is when mental functioning is too declined for the senior to even recognize a problem exists. Then it is up to family members and doctors to collaborate, a difficult task given relationships can be ruined in the process.

Overall there is insuffi-

cient provincial legislation aimed at protecting vulnerable seniors and other drivers they share the road with. Mr. Mulcahy lobbied for government regulations before more tragedies could happen to families whose hands are tied. We also need to explore regulations for seniors.

While it has long been a celebrated tradition to point out the dangers of youth recklessness, seniors are setting a new benchmark when it comes to our roads.

In Ontario, the 80-plus age group is the fastest growing, while Canada-wide 70 per cent of driver's licence holders are 55 and older. That percentage is rapidly accelerating. The Canada Safety Council now warns that senior drivers have more collisions than any other age group — a time sensitive issue we need to address now.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.



MICHAEL DE ADDER

Letters

Sarah Sonne, VANIER, ONT.

I am a 25-year-old Canadian woman. I am writing to commend the Conservative Party for passing Resolution P-207 (protecting pregnant women) at their policy convention this past weekend.

Passing legislation that recognizes the injury or death of an unborn child during an attack on a pregnant woman is something that will secure my vote for, and trust in, the Conservative Party.

I am looking forward to the day when I can be pregnant and know that my decision to keep my child is respected and my unborn child is fully protected.

Thank you for listening to my voice, and the voice of many other young women, and making it party policy to protect us in the way we want to be protected.

Charlotte M. Bowering, SCARBOROUGH, ONT.

Re: Addressing an elephant

(Nov. 12)

Kudos to Paul Sullivan for bringing attention to members of the Bloc Québécois that Canada is a great nation.

I have always wondered who's minding the country?

Certainly not the politicians or the prime minister! We allow a separatist to participate at the federal level, bent on breaking up the country.

This is unbelievable. Why is this not viewed as treason, and how did it get all the way to the federal level. It just doesn't make sense to me!

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Ben Sponagle

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A: No. I'm a student, so I already don't spend hardly any money. I still intend to buy everybody something.

Corina Fizzard

age 23, Fall River

A: No, I should but I'm not. I have very little will power once I'm actually in the malls.

Alison Reid

age 46, Halifax

A: No, I'm pretty minimal with my shopping anyway.

Danuzia Pinheiro

age 35, Ottawa

A: I just came to Canada and I'm trying to spend as little as possible. So for sure I'll be spending less than last year.

Ash Sani

age 27, Vancouver

A: No, not at all. It has not been that bad for the small business I work for — actually its been better financially for me this year.

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Obama names attorney general: Report

President-elect Barack Obama has decided on Eric Holder, a former senior official in the Clinton administration, to be attorney general, Newsweek said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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World

Estonian spy's arrest sparks Cold War fears

A spy dragged in from the cold. NATO secrets pipelined to Moscow. Warnings of "catastrophic damage" to Western security.

News of the arrest of a senior Estonian defence ministry official on treason charges has set old alarm bells ringing, and revived Cold War fears of Russian penetration of the West's

Accusations

• Herman Simm is accused of using a radio transmitter to send classified information to Russia, including NATO plans

for Kosovo's independence, U.S. missile defence and last summer's war between Russia and Georgia.

closely held secrets.

The accused official, Herman Simm, 61, has been under investigation for months, and was seized in

September, after questions were raised about several lavish properties Simm had bought.

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Russia **Dangerous world of Russian journalism**



Svetlana Kuryshkina, common-law wife of Mikhail Beketov, stands in front of his house in Khimki outside Moscow yesterday. Beketov lies in a coma after a savage beating a week ago. He is close to becoming the latest reporter killed after daring to challenge the dangerous world where Russian politics and business overlap, supporters and family members said today.

Obama faces big battle with banks

TEST President-elect Barack Obama and congressional Democrats face a tough test proving they want to fix the U.S. financial system after taking millions of dollars in campaign donations from banks and Wall Street.

Big decisions loom on reinventing the exotic securities markets, shoddy lending practices and regulatory failures behind the worst U.S. economic crisis in decades, with financial industry lob-

byists already preparing for battle.

The coming fight raises questions about whether Washington is capable of overhauling an industry more deeply insinuated into the halls of political power than possibly any other.

Politics in the U.S. capital is heavily influenced by money donated to Democrats and Republicans alike by business interests that often play both sides of the partisan

fence to win access and influence no matter who is in power.

"We've created this situation where ... the only way to get elected or re-elected is to take large sums of money from special interests who want something from government," said Daniel Newman, executive director of MAPLight.org, a nonpartisan, nonprofit campaign finance watchdog group.

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News in brief

CHINA Tibetans could push for independence from China if exile groups meeting this week in India decide that is their only option, the prime minister of the Tibetan government-in-exile said yesterday.

MIDEAST Israel resealed border crossings with the Gaza Strip yesterday, blaming continued

rocket fire at its towns, despite warnings from world aid groups of looming shortages of food and fuel in the coastal territory.

DISEASE A tick-borne infectious disease spreading in the United States and Europe has been identified for the first time in China, where it apparently

passed from person to person, Chinese researchers said.

VOTE Democrat Mark Begich claimed victory Tuesday in the race for an Alaska seat in the U.S. Senate, defeating six-term Republican incumbent Ted Stevens, who was convicted last month on corruption charges.

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Green bailout acceptable: CAW

Governments are within their right to set conditions on vehicle fuel efficiency as part of any multibillion-dollar support deal with the auto industry, says the head of the Canadian Auto Workers union.

CAW president Ken Lewenza said such a "strategic investment" must be tied to Canada's long-term economic security. Increasingly, labour unions and trade associations have been tying that future to green-collar job creation.

"Do I think the govern-

Chance for Obama to make his mark

• The precarious situation Detroit finds itself in offers an opportunity, critics say, for U.S. president-elect Barack Obama

to fulfill a campaign promise of putting one million U.S.-built plug-in hybrids on the road by 2015.

ment could put on restrictions? Yes. Any strategic investment decisions from government should have connections to jobs and connections to what consumers are looking for, and if that's a green strategy, then that's appropriate," he said.

Both federal and Ontario government officials are

heading to Washington this week as U.S. legislators debate whether to grant another \$25 billion US in loan guarantees to Detroit's big three — General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC. Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement has hinted Canada could play a role in the bailout.

The latest request for help follows \$25 billion in loan guarantees that were granted in September on the condition that the money would be used to make more fuel-efficient vehicles. The auto giants are now asking for more money to pay bills and stave off bankruptcy.

But some industry critics say any further loan guarantees should be tied even closer to green-vehicle manufacturing, and that government needs to accelerate a transition away from fossil fuels.

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Markets, oil down Alberta surplus

GOVERNMENT Alberta's budget surplus is expected to be less than a quarter of the size that Canada's biggest oil-producing province estimated only three months ago, before global energy prices plunged.

In its second-quarter budget update for the fiscal year that ends March 31, 2009, the provincial government said yesterday it saw a surplus of \$2 billion, down from an earlier \$8.5-billion estimate.

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Disgraced trader pleads guilty

SCANDAL A disgraced natural gas trader at the centre of Bank of Montreal's \$853-million commodity trading scandal has pleaded guilty to intentionally mismarking his trading book in a "criminal scheme" to pad his bonus, Manhattan's district attorney announced yesterday.

David Lee, a former star in BMO's Times Square office, entered his plea on Nov. 13. The felony is punishable by up to four years in prison.

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In brief

AUTO Chrysler Financial Canada said yesterday it is closing offices across the country to cut costs amidst a plunge in North American vehicle sales, a move that will affect about 145 of its employees, or nearly half its workforce.

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Economy Iceland awaits IMF loan



Iceland's ambassador to Norway, Sigríður Dóna Kristmundsdóttir, left, and EU's ambassador to Iceland, Percy Westerlund, meet foreign media in Oslo yesterday. Iceland expects the International Monetary Fund to deliver on a proposed \$2-billion US loan for the country in "days, not weeks," the country's Prime Minister Geir Haarde said. Iceland has been hit hard by the financial crisis.

CORNELIUS POPPE/REUTERS

Credit card options grow for banks

CARDS Canada's competition watchdog has freed Canadian banks to offer both MasterCard and Visa credit cards, lifting decades-old restrictions that made the banks choose one brand or the other.

Canada's Competition Bureau has told financial institutions that it is no longer concerned about possible conflicts if they issue both cards as MasterCard and Visa are no longer owned by member banks.

Even so, it may take

"This is a fundamental change to the business model in Canada."

Kevin Stanton

some time before these issuers make changes to their card lineups.

"This isn't just a flick of the switch for anybody," Kevin Stanton, president of MasterCard Canada, said in an interview.

"The banks have to work out what this means at a

strategic level. They've been operating in a non-dual environment for 35 years now, so this is a fundamental change to the business model in Canada."

The top three card issuers in Canada are Visa issuers CIBC and Royal Bank and MasterCard issuer Bank of Montreal.

MasterCard became a commercial organization several years ago, and went public in 2006. Visa became a public company earlier this year.

REUTERS

Mexican tycoon Salinas sets eyes on Circuit City

Mexican retail tycoon Ricardo Salinas Pliego owns 28 per cent of Circuit City and could buy more of the troubled U.S. electronics chain, a Salinas spokesman said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Auto execs plead for bailout

U.S. auto executives warned Congress yesterday that their industry was teetering on the brink of disaster as they pleaded for a \$25-billion aid package despite political opposition to another multibillion-dollar government bailout.

The hearings come as government and business officials around the globe decide if, and how, they should commit billions of taxpayer dollars to bolster struggling automakers.

Rick Wagoner, the head

Clement calls for CAW co-operation

•The Canadian Auto Workers union needs to co-operate in any proposed government aid package for the struggling auto sector, Industry Minister Tony Clement said yesterday.

"If we're in a situation where the Canadian government is coming to the table ... then I think it's in that spirit of co-operation that we would like the CAW at the table too," he said.

of General Motors Corp., bluntly told the Senate Banking Committee why the executives were there.

"This is about much more than just Detroit," Wagoner said in his testimony. "It's about saving

the U.S. economy from a catastrophic collapse."

Wagoner; Robert Nardelli, head of Chrysler LLC; Alan Mulally, CEO of Ford Motor Co.; and Ron Gettelfinger, head of the United Auto Workers union, all

testified yesterday.

The reception from legislators was less cordial than what the well-paid executives are used to.

Senator Richard Shelby, an Alabama Republican and member of the committee, has called the automakers "failed models" and said they should file for bankruptcy.

Criticizing the bailout, Kentucky Republican Senator Jim Bunning said, "The proposal coming before the Senate tomorrow is not a serious one." **REUTERS**

Spain Workers protest Nissan job cuts



Nissan workers protest against job cuts in Barcelona, Spain, yesterday. Japanese car maker Nissan said they will cut thousands of jobs at its factory in Barcelona due to weak demand. The banner reads, "No to 1,680 job cuts at Nissan. Yes to a business plan."

CTV to shed jobs amid financial woes

MEDIA Citing a big drop in advertising revenue and the financial woes of some of its biggest customers, Canada's largest television network CTV said it plans to cut jobs as part of a broader cost-cutting initiative.

In an internal memo sent to all CTV staff yesterday, Ivan Fecan, president

and chief executive officer of parent company CTV-globemedia said: "The worldwide financial situation is causing sharp decreases in advertising spending and even the potential bankruptcy of some of our single biggest customers."

"We have concluded that it is no longer possible to

maintain the current 'status quo' of our company's operations," Fecan said in the memo.

In addition to a freeze on hiring across the network and on travel and entertainment spending, Fecan said there will be "some layoffs," though details were not included in the memo. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Hall of fame to welcome RIM duo

RECOGNITION The duo behind one of Canada's most successful innovations since the zipper is to be inducted into the Order of the Business Hall of Fame.

President and chief executive officer Mike Lazaridis and co-chief executive officer Jim Balsillie of Research In Motion (the company behind the BlackBerry phone and e-mail device) are to be inducted along with Jack Lynn Cockwell, group chairman of Toronto's Brookfield Asset Management Inc.; Philippe and Nan-b de Gaspé Beaubien, the husband and wife duo behind Montreal's Telemedia Inc.; and Joseph Rotman, chairman of Roy-L Capital Corporation and of the Canada Council for the Arts.

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In brief

DIAMONDS Top diamond producer De Beers expects to cut back output at its two new Canadian mines by 10 to 20 per cent because of a recent drop in demand, De Beers Canada chief executive Jim Gowans said yesterday.

NORTEL Even as losses and layoffs mount at Nortel Networks Corp. and analysts raise questions about the telecom equipment maker's future, its chief executive continues to believe the company can win market share and succeed. In an internal memo sent to employees yesterday, Mike Zafirovski urges employees to "have faith that we will succeed in the end."

HOUSING Pervasive recession fears and financial market upheaval hammered U.S. home-builder sentiment to a record low in November, the National Association of Home Builders said yesterday, dealing a significant blow to an already flailing housing market.

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Boxer Evander Holyfield is returning to the ring at age 46 because he wants to become undisputed heavyweight champion again. Holyfield will fight seven-foot WBA champion Nikolai Valuev next month, aiming to become the oldest man to claim a world heavyweight title and the first to win it five times. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Pedroia beats out Morneau for MVP

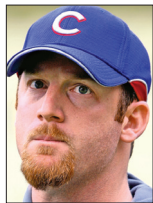
Boston's Dustin Pedroia won the American League MVP award yesterday, becoming the first second baseman to earn the honour in almost 50 years. Pedroia led the AL in hits, runs and doubles in helping the Red Sox win the AL wild-card berth. He batted .326 with 17 home runs and 83 RBIs and also stole 20 bases. B.C.'s Justin Morneau finished a distant second in the voting.

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Cubs ink Dempster to \$52M deal

MLB The Chicago Cubs have re-signed Canadian righthander Ryan Dempster to a four-year contract



Dempster

extension. Although financial terms were not revealed, the contract is believed to be worth \$52 million and it will keep him in a Cubs uniform through 2012.

“Was there more money on the open market? I’m sure there probably was,” said Dempster. “But truthfully I don’t even care to know because I’m happy with what I have and it’s more money than I could ever dream of getting.”

Report: Yanks eye offer for Burnett

MLB The New York Post is reporting that the Yankees are close to offering free agent pitcher A.J. Burnett an \$80 million contract over five years. Burnett went 18-10 with a 4.07 ERA for the Jays in 2008 before opting out of his deal. Toronto is not expected to offer Burnett more than a four-year package.

Mariners find new manager

MLB The Seattle Times reported yesterday that Don Wakamatsu will be the Mariners next manager. Wakamatsu was bench coach for the Oakland Athletics in 2008 after spending five seasons with Texas. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Hurricanes blow away Habs

NHL ROUNDUP

Canadiens 1 Hurricanes 2



Ray Whitney's power-play goal in the third period proved to be the game-winner, and Cam Ward was strong with 28 saves, as the Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Montreal Canadiens, 2-1, at RBC Center last night in Raleigh, N.C.

Sergei Samsonov also scored for Carolina, which has won two straight following a three-game skid. “I think we’re building a



Carolina Hurricanes' Tuomo Ruutu, right, checks Montreal Canadiens' Andrei Kostitsyn during last night's game. The Hurricanes defeated the Canadiens 2-1.

little bit on each game,” Carolina head coach Peter Laviolette said. “There are still some things we could do better tonight, but over-

all we’re doing the right things overall and we’re getting a little better each game. We just need to continue down that road.”

Jones ready for shot at Als

YorkReport

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Determined to win Sunday's Grey Cup game, naturally, are all the dudes who'll be participating in it. But I'm inclined to suggest there's a certain member of the Calgary Stampeders who is even hungrier and more obsessed about emerging victorious.

This would be **Chris Jones**, the Stamps' defensive co-ordinator.

Jones, you see, was irate that the Montreal Alouettes refused to hire him as their head coach before this season. He was livid that they rejected his application and instead selected **Marc Trestman**, an NFL coaching castoff who had virtually no CFL experience.

Jones had spent seven seasons as a Montreal assistant coach — five as the Als' defensive co-ordinator —

and, understandably, he felt he deserved a shot.

Not that he ever went public with his fury. The University of Tennessee graduate is sharp enough to know how the political game is played in the CFL, and he realizes public criticisms usually get aspiring head coaches nowhere in the little league.

So he bit his lip, and likely will continue to do so in Montreal this week while the Stamps and Als prepare to meet for CFL supremacy.

Jones certainly has let his friends know his feelings, however, and several tell us his anti-Montreal sentiments haven't exactly dissipated.

“Chris wants revenge Sunday, no question about that,” a source close to Jones told me.

“You won't be off-base if you said he's still bitter and wants to shove it down (the Als') damn throats.”

Quietly under Jones, the Stamps' defence progressed from one of the CFL's worst units last season to the very best. No CFL team yielded

fewer points and fewer touchdowns this season than Calgary.

“Chris is a great football coach and he deserves more credit than he seems to get,” said B.C. head coach **Wally Buono**, whose Lions were held to no TDs (six field goals) by the Stamps' defence in last Sunday's Western final. “You could score a lot on Calgary in the past, but not this year.”

Jones' first-hand knowledge of the Als' offence gives the Stamps a notable edge. As he said in July, before Calgary upset Montreal in the Als' only meaningful loss at home this season, “I know the things (Montreal quarterback) **Anthony Calvillo** doesn't feel comfortable seeing and we'll certainly try to exploit some of those if we can.”

The Als lost that game 23-19, and I'm sensing a similar outcome this Sunday. I'll elaborate here later this week.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.



Orlando Magic forward Hedo Turkoglu, right, scored 16 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Magic to a 103-90 win over the Toronto Raptors despite a 40-point night from Chris Bosh, left.

Magic clobber Raps

Magic 103 Raptors 90

NBA Hedo Turkoglu scored 16 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, pacing the surging Magic to a 103-90 victory over the Toronto Raptors, last night in Orlando.

Jameer Nelson and Rashard Lewis also finished with 22 points for Orlando, winners in eight of its last nine games. Lewis also had eight rebounds and five steals. Dwight Howard chipped in 18 points and nine re-

bounds before fouling out.

Chris Bosh had a fabulous night, recording 40 points and 18 rebounds on 14-of-19 shooting, but the Raptors lost for the third time in four games. Jermaine O'Neal had 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Will Solomon scored 10 in defeat. Solomon also accounted for seven of Toronto's 24 turnovers.

The big difference in the game was three-point shooting. Toronto went 2-of-14 from long distance, while the Magic went 11-of-23. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Upshaw athlete of the week

Halifax's Christian Upshaw of the St. Francis Xavier X-Men basketball team was named Atlantic University Sport's male athlete of the week yesterday. He tallied 31 points and dished out 20 helpers in a pair of wins for the X-Men, who improved to 3-0, first in the conference. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**


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Huskies hoopsters could contend, with patience

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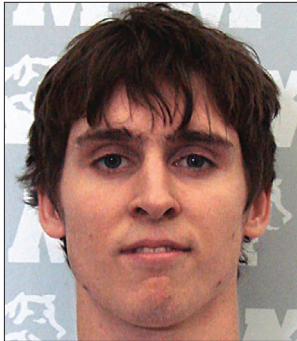
Ross Quackenbush sees his Saint Mary's Huskies as a contender.

They might not be a contender now, and they might not be a contender at Christmas. But by the end of the Atlantic University Sport men's basketball season, the Huskies' head coach sees his team swinging with the heavyweights.

In his 19th year at the helm, Quackenbush is preaching patience on a team with a mish-mash of inexperience.

"I've never really had the approach I've taken with this team," he said. "My understanding of our reality is more realistic. I know we have a long way to go, but I know we'll get the work done and have a significantly improved team."

The Huskies are off to a 2-1 start in the regular season after going 2-4 in the exhi-



Mark McLaughlin is one of only two returning starters for Saint Mary's.

bition season. That's 4-5 overall, but Quackenbush says "they could just as easily be 9-0" and that they "outright

"This weekend will be a big test"

Ross Quackenbush

should have won" games against the nationally-ranked Wind-

sor Lancers and St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

Mark McLaughlin, a fourth-year MVP-calibre guard, and post Ikeobi Uchegbu are the only returning starters from last year's AUS championship-winning team.

The rest of the roster has little university experience, but 24-year-old freshman Joey Haywood (16.3 ppg) and sophomore Jack Gallinaugh (11.7 ppg) are picking up the slack along with Mike Poole, Luke Reynolds and Peter Gilfoy.

Quackenbush says the Huskies' upside is greater than that of some of the more highly-touted AUS teams.

"I don't think their potential to improve is as great as our potential to improve," Quackenbush explained.

"The new guys just have to go around the block once or twice."

The Huskies are back in action this weekend with a couple of key games on the road. They face the Cape Breton Capers on Saturday and the X-Men again on Sunday.

"This weekend will be a big test," Quackenbush said. "Should we win, that will be fantastic. If we don't, I'm not going to throw the baby out with the bath water just yet."

Junior A Lions doubled up



Halifax Lions forward Chad Locke takes a shot on Miramichi Timberwolves goalie Wesley Annis during the first period of last night's Maritime Junior A Hockey League game at the Forum. The Lions came out on the wrong end of an 8-4 score, despite a goal and an assist each from Locke, Patrick LeBlanc and Stephen Popovich. Halifax is 4-19-3.

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Cutest of them all

Never one to be afraid of being late to the party, Volkswagen has got wise to the current market trends and introduced its own small crossover SUV. The Tiguan is the result.

Based on the same platform that underpins the Rabbit/GTI/Jetta triplets, the Tiguan is a compact five-seat station wagon on stilts that's tilted more to-

wards the higher end of that product bracket.

Aimed squarely at the Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V and Nissan Rogue, the Tiguan is arguably the best looking of the bunch, thanks to a combination of mini-Touareg and GTI styling cues. The Tig' is actually quite compact, looking smaller than a CR-V. Blacked out B and C pillars



The Tiguan is a compact five-seat station wagon on stilts that's tilted more towards the higher end of that product bracket.

help sporty theme, while all models come with a small roof spoiler and front fog lights.

Inside, the styling takes a turn away from previous

efforts by using circular vents, knobs and other controls rather than the squared-off look in the Passat, Jetta and Touareg. Material use is class leading as

2009 VW Tiguan

Type: SUV
Price: \$27,575
Engine: L4, DOHC, 2.0L, Turbo, Direct-injection
HP: 200

Highlights

- Seats five
- Good ergonomics
- Many options including manual transmission

Volkswagen claims the Tiguan provides "best-in-class comfort," and that's not just a tagline.

economy is decent as well: 11.6 L/100 km city and 8.3 L/100 km highway. That's within about a half-litre for the CR-V, although significantly behind the class-leading Rogue's 9.5/7.7.

Transmissions are six-speeds across the board; a manual is standard on the base front-wheel drive model, while the rest get Volkswagen's smooth manu-matic.

As you'd expect from a cute-ute as this, Haldex-based 4Motion all-wheel drive is available as an option on lower models and standard on higher trims.

While not as hard riding or sporty as a CR-V, the Volkswagen does hold its own quite well. The steering is accurate, although lacking in feel, and reactions under braking are quite predictable. The 'ute doesn't roll too much either, flowing along the twisting roads comfortably.

Safety ranks above average for the class, with ABS, stability control and tire-pressure monitoring on every model. Six airbags (front, front-side and full-length curtain) are standard as well, although Volkswagen makes you pay separately for rear-seat side airbags.

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Inside, the styling takes a turn away from previous efforts by using circular vents, knobs and other controls.

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RAV4 gets mid-life makeover

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One of the biggest automotive stories in Canada is unfolding in Woodstock, Ont.

That's the site of the gigantic, new Toyota assembly plant that is now starting to roll out its first product, the 2009 RAV4 compact SUV.

The current generation RAV4 and the Woodstock plant site were both launched in 2006. In fact, the Canadian debut of the RAV4 took place where the facility now stands.

With RAV4 North American production shifting to Ontario, a few changes have been made in what amounts to a mid-life refreshing that results in two engine/transmission and three trim level (Base, Sport, Limited) choices for six basic combinations. If you add in optional packages, there are 14 ways to order a RAV4 from Woodstock.

The biggest change is an all-new 2.5-litre inline four-cylinder engine that produces 179 hp (up 13 hp) and 172 lb/ft (up 7 lb/ft) of torque over the 2.4-litre engine in the 2008 RAV4. And better, the new engine is almost five per cent more fuel efficient at 9.7/7.2/8.6L/100 km city/highway/combined compared to 10.1/7.7/9.0L/100

2009 Toyota RAV4

Type: Compact SUV

Price: 2.5-litre: Base, \$26,500; Sport, \$30,165; Limited, \$31,635. 3.5-litre: Base, \$29,100; Sport, \$31,920; Limited \$33,890

Engine: 2.5-litre, four-cylinder, 16-valve DOHC; 3.5-litre DOHC V6

HP: 179-269

Highlights

- More power
- Better fuel efficiency
- More backseat space

km for the 2.4-litre. Standard transmission is an electronic four-speed automatic.

The other engine is a 3.5-litre, DOHC V6 with 269 hp and 246 lb/ft of torque delivering 11.1/7.7/9.6L/100 km city/highway/combined. The transmission here is an electronic five-speed automatic.

All RAV4s come with what Toyota calls its Active Torque Control four-wheel-drive that is actually more of a "slip and grip" all-wheel-drive system that has a coupling placed just in front of the rear differential. Based on where the sensors find traction is the best, the coupling is electromagnetically activated if torque to the rear as is needed. In most cases, the RAV4 will be running in a front-drive mode and that,



The 2009 Toyota RAV4 features a number of mid-cycle changes and is now being produced at Toyota's huge new assembly facility in Woodstock, Ont.

in turn, helps conserve fuel consumption.

All 2009 RAV4s are equipped with Vehicle Sta-

bility Control (VSC) incorporating traction control. This is integrated with electric power steering for

surprising precise steering. With all systems working, there was no sense of getting out of shape.

In adverse conditions like heavy snow or ice, a switch can turn off the VSC.

Braking is by four discs with ABS, electronic Brake Force Distribution (EBD) and Brake Assist.

Now on sale across Canada, the base 2.5-litre RAV4 carries a starting price of about \$26,500 with the Sport starting at \$30,165 and Limited at \$31,635. Suggested starting prices for V6-equipped models are the Base at \$29,100, Sport at \$31,920 and Limit-

ed at \$33,890.

There are some visual external changes for 2009 that start with different grille and front bumper designs to distinguish the Base and Sport models from the Limited. Fog lamps found on the Sport and Limited are not available on the Base.

While the car industry seems to be in upheaval, Toyota is reporting sales records. And at a time when slowdown is becoming the rule of the day, Toyota continues to invest and grow in Canada.

And much of that is riding on the 2009 RAV4 that's coming out of Woodstock.

Consumer mag lists best buys of 2009

RATINGS Thirty-six vehicles and 14 companion models received Best Buy ratings from U.S.-based Consumers Digest out of some 240 total 2009 models.

The ratings span 10 categories: Small Cars, Family Cars, Luxury Cars, Sporty Cars, Pickups, Minivans, Compact SUVs, Midsize SUVs, Full-size/Luxury SUVs and Hybrids. The Best Buys — based on behind-the-wheel testing, safety ratings, ownership costs, warranty, price, comfort, ergonomics, styling and amenities — reflect CD's assessment of which 2009 vehicles offer the most value for the money.

Five "Small Cars" received Best Buys: Honda Civic, Honda Fit, Mazda3, Nissan Versa and Toyota Corolla.

Six "Family Car" Best Buys are: Chevrolet Malibu, Ford Taurus, Honda Accord, Mercury Sable, Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry/Camry Solara.

Four "Luxury Cars" re-

ceived Best Buys: Acura RL, Cadillac CTS, Hyundai Genesis and Lincoln MKS.

Six "Sporty Car" Best Buys are: BMW 3-Series, Chevrolet Corvette, Infiniti G37 coupe, MINI Cooper/Cooper Clubman, Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky.

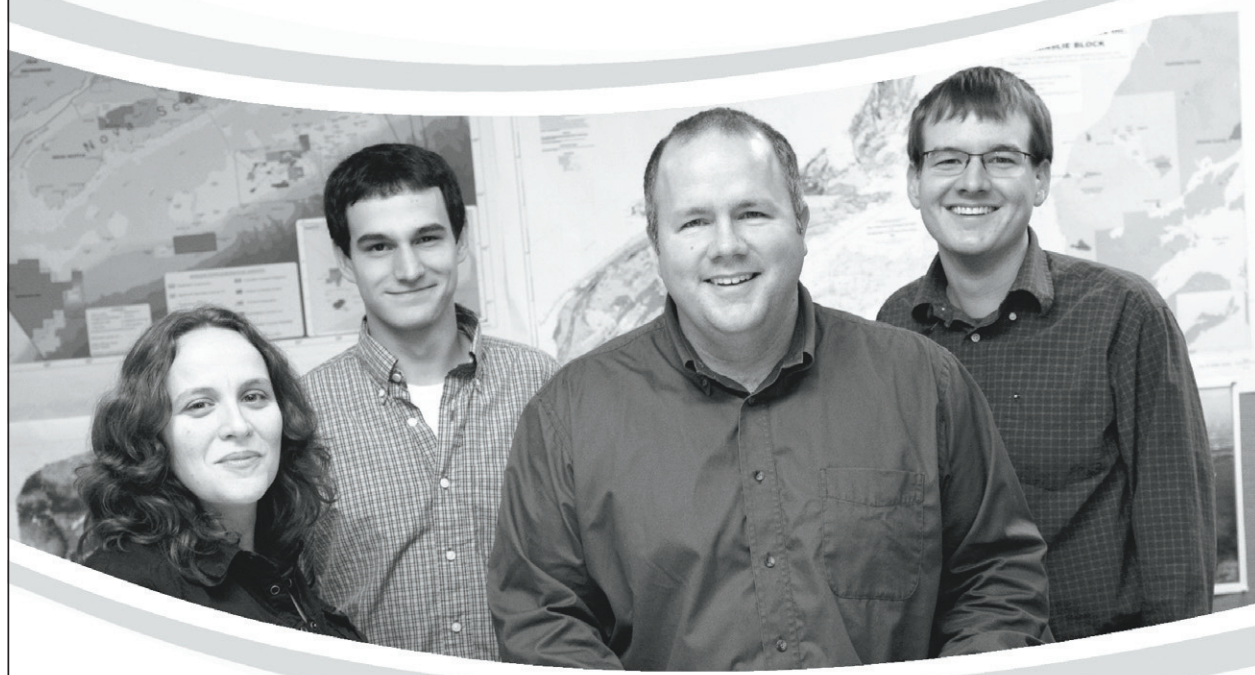
Four "Pickups" and six "Minivans" earned Best Buys: Chevrolet Silverado 1500, Dodge Ram 1500, GMC Sierra 1500 and Toyota Tundra are the top pickups, and Chrysler's Town & Country, Dodge's Grand Caravan, Honda's Odyssey, Hyundai's Entourage, Kia's Sedona and Volkswagen's Routan are the best minivan values.

Five "Compact SUV" Best Buys include: Ford Escape, Mazda Tribute, Mercury Mariner, Nissan Rogue and Volkswagen Tiguan. Six "Midsize SUV" Best Buys include: Buick Enclave, Chevrolet Traverse, Ford Flex, GMC Acadia, Mazda CX-9 and Saturn Outlook.

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Shannon Ledger-Piercey is from Sackville, Nova Scotia and graduated in 2007 with a bachelor degree in geology from Saint Mary's University. She is currently working towards a master's degree in geology at Saint Mary's. Her research is focused on the provenance of lower cretaceous sandstones.

Eric Negulic

Eric Negulic is a master of Earth Sciences student at Dalhousie University researching hydrocarbon potential of the cretaceous channel systems on the sable shelf. Eric is from Bedford, Nova Scotia and in 2008 completed a bachelor degree in earth sciences with honors from Dalhousie University.

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Calvin Campbell is originally from Hatchet Lake, Nova Scotia and is a master of sciences student in the earth sciences department at Dalhousie University. His master's thesis is focused on the cenozoic continental margin evolution off Nova Scotia. Calvin graduated from Saint Mary's University in 1999 with a bachelor degree with honors in earth sciences and geology.

Stephen Rankin

Stephen Rankin is studying towards a master's degree in applied sciences from Saint Mary's University with a focus on submarine canyons on the Scotian slope. He is from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and graduated last spring from Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in geology.

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History and mystery in Harran

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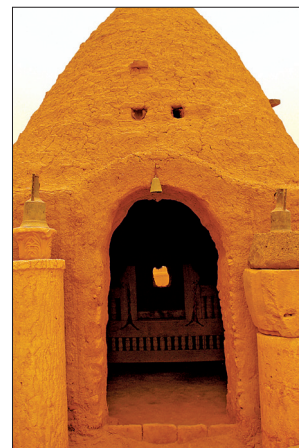
Yelashes caked with dust, I make my way through the storm like a lost desert dweller separated from her own archeological dig.

In Harran, a tiny town 50 kilometres away from Urfa in Southeastern Turkey, sand storms are as common as kebabs. Blowing in from neighbouring Syria, this thin blanket of dust fills the sky with a sepia fog making visibility (and photography) difficult. Yet, it adds to the mystery of Harran, a place made famous by its historic and religious significance.

Existing as early as 2000 BC, Harran is said to be "one of the oldest continuously inhabited spots on earth." According to the Old Testament, Abraham lived here for a time and his father died here. They



The grand mosque of Harran, left, is the oldest mosque built in Southeastern Anatolia. Beehive houses, Harran's famous tourist attraction, are traditional homes dating back some 200 years.



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- Anatolia Travels offers tours to Harran and other parts of Eastern Turkey. Visit anatoliatravels.com for more information.

call Harran one of the birthplaces of the three monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Today, a visit to Harran means touring the relics of Islamic antiquity. The ruins of the Grand Mosque, a

castle and the traditional beehive houses, can all be seen here.

According to a rusty sign at the site, the grand mosque of Harran is the oldest mosque built in Anatolia and is a good example of Islamic architecture. Also known as Paradise Mosque, this monument was built between 744-750 AD and is believed to be the site of the first Islamic university.

While it must have been highly impressive back then, time and war haven't been kind to this former

mosque/learning institution. Walking around the ruins, straining to see through the snarling sand storm, I have to wonder. Thousands of years from now, will our own cities be left to crumble, buried under the dust of time for future tourists to find?

From the ruins of the Grand Mosque, I walk a few minutes to find Harran's famous beehive houses, traditionally constructed in conical, ant hill-esque shapes.

Dating back some 200 years, the houses were built with bricks gathered

from the ruins of historical Harran. Domes are typically five meters in height with 30-40 rows of brick. They accommodate the climate, providing habitants with "cool" in the summer and warmth in the winter.

This tourist attraction draws busloads of thirsty visitors looking to sip sugary tea, seek refuge from the oppressive heat and see these unusual clay homes.

Slurping on strong Turkish coffee, I catch up with a rowdy tour group of 50-

plus Israelis, on a ten-day tour of Eastern Turkey. Their group has come to this holy land to learn about their biblical beginnings.

Ruti Millar, a tour guide that comes to this region five times a year, tells me "this area is special and exciting because it's the genesis of our history."

While Israelis (or people with Israeli stamps in their passports) aren't permitted to travel to Syria, Iraq or Iran, Turkey is quite welcoming. "The Turkish people are wonderful and very warm," she continues. "We've come here to meet them, see the sights and learn about different cultures."

This is what drew me to the region of Southeastern Anatolia. It was a chance to see another side of Turkey, one that goes beyond the tourist traps of cosmopolitan Istanbul and the country's Mediterranean seaside resorts. A visit here delves into the ancient histories of the Middle East ... under the veil of a good Syrian sandstorm.

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Thanksgiving airline travel in the U.S. is expected to drop 10 per cent from last year because of the economy. **REUTERS**

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Gateway to an epic landscape

The tiny town of Kununurra was home to the cast and crew of Australia

MEGAN ANDERSON
for Metro Canada



There's no cinema in Kununurra, a pin prick on the map in Western Australia's remote north west. Celluloid interludes in the sunbaked town are strictly the domain of the drive-in picture theatre. The only red carpet is the region's famous pindan dust.

But the celebrity count was high during the filming of Baz Luhrmann's *Australia* for five months last year. Locals grew accustomed to seeing Hugh Jackman and wife Deborah-Lee Furness at the supermarket, and Keith Urban at the gym. Urban and wife Nicole Kidman shed their bodyguards to wander the streets, lining up for coffee at the town's only breaky joint — the Boab Bookstore and Café — like everyone else.

While the action took place largely across Western Australia's vast east Kimberley region — all 121,189 square kilometres of it — sleeping and down time was spent in Kununurra, population 7,775, the regional hub gazetted just 60-odd years ago in the wake of the Ord River irrigation scheme.

So while the melons and mangoes ripened for another year on the fertile flats, several of Kununurra's well-heeled residents vacated their riverfront properties to supply homes away from home for Australia's A-List cast and crew. The main drag, Konkerberry Street, got a new Rodeo Drive ring to it, as its unassuming shopfronts became the favoured haunts for the Kidman-Urban-Jackman ilk seeking mementos of the place.

It might look like a small aircraft hangar from the footpath, for example, but Kimberley Fine Diamonds stocks some of the world's rarest and most dizzyingly expensive diamonds from the nearby Argyle Diamond mine, including the coveted pink diamond. Proprietor Frauke Bolten-Bosham-



Left, the boab tree is an iconic part of Western Australia's Kimberley region. Right, an aerial view of El Questro Station, a million-acre cattle station that was the scene of the film's dramatic cattle mustering scenes



MEGAN ANDERSON PHOTOS

Kununurra

• Kununurra is 3,214 kilometres from Perth, and 800 kilometres from Darwin. There are daily flights from both centres flying SkyWest airlines, skywest.com.au, and Air North, airnorth.com.au. Also visit kununurratourism.com.

mer is too discreet to say what her famous clients bought (rumour has it that Kidman had a diamond ring designed, but failed to collect it), but visits were long and numerous.

Bolten-Boshammer vacated her own Riverfarm Road house for director Luhrmann, who adopted it as his creative refuge. While the salt water crocodiles lurked a decorous distance from the back yard, he viewed the daily rushes each night. Come shoot's end, she gifted her famous tenant a diamond encrusted 18 carat gold pendant fashioned into the shape of a boab tree. Testament to the optimism radiating from the locals, she intended it as a good luck charm for the Oscars.

Luhrmann's parting gift to the town was a real boab tree, planted in the Celebrity Tree Park where around 150 notables are immortalised in bark and plaque on the banks of Lake Kununurra.

He told townsfolk that boabs — gnarly, bulbous-

trunked trees which can live for over a thousand years — have a spirituality that spoke to him. The trees, endemic to Western Australia's Kimberley region, became central to the film's visual idiom.

Luhrmann's intention to make Australia a calling card of sorts — a filmic acknowledgement of an extraordinary locale — will doubtless inspire a flurry of pilgrimages to Kununurra and the wider region whose assets have hitherto lurked under a very remote bushel.

Along the sleepy 60-kilometre stretch of the impressive Ord River, for instance, finding a deserted fishing spot with an embarrassment of silver cobbler and exotic bird life is a cinch. The man-made Lake Argyle is so vast — more than 100 square kilometres — it contains its own archipelago and can generate waves up to two metres high.

Kununurra artist and gallery owner Nadeen Lovell knows the beauty well. And the extent to which the film and the town at its nerve centre will remain inextricably linked. A regular with her easel at House Roof Hill, a much-painted scene close to where the film's fictional homestead was built at Carlton Hill Station, she was privy to a conversation with set designers about

the vegetable patch they were establishing there to give the homestead authenticity. Lamenting their failure to make the vegetables grow fast enough, Lovell volunteered produce from her own garden to help things along.

The next morning at 5

a.m., crew arrived at her house with a truck and a shovel. They left with a load of fully grown greens destined for a film set more than 100 kilometres away.

Now, like many residents of the Kimberley, Lovell is awaiting the film with bated breath. Not just to see lo-

cal landmarks writ large on the big screen, or to ogle Kidman and Jackman inhabiting the distinctive Kimberley landscape. She can't wait to see the end of it. The closing credits in particular. Will "Lettuce by Nadeen" be the town's final crowning glory?

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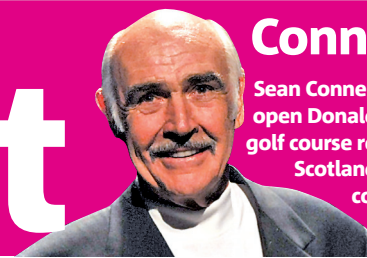
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Connery tees off

Sean Connery is delighted he will help open Donald Trump's \$1.5-billion US golf course resort in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, because it will boost the country's image around the world. IMDB.COM

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Jackson may be too ill to travel

LEGAL Singer Michael Jackson may be too sick to travel to London to give evidence in a breach of contract court case against him brought by a son of the king of Bahrain, his lawyer said yesterday.

A report on Jackson's condition was not read out in open court.

REUTERS

In brief

GAMING National Geographic is getting into the video game business. Through its for-profit unit National Geographic Ventures, it is to announce it has created National Geographic Games.

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Miley Cyrus gets animated

Teen star supplies voice in new film Bolt

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

It's hard to believe that Miley Cyrus is only 15 years old. In just her short decade-and-a-half, the superstar has already had the hit TV sitcom Hannah Montana, a number one album and become so popular with teens, she's seen her face emblazoned on everything from jewelry to bedding and more.

"I was looking for hand

sanitizer and someone whipped out my face on (a bottle of) hand sanitizer," said the young actress during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "That was weird."

If Cyrus' age is hard to distinguish by her extensive body of work and stunning success, it becomes slightly more evident when you meet her. After all, when discussing her new animated movie Bolt, Cyrus displays the enthusiasm of an excited teenager.

"It's kind of weird but it's fun," Cyrus said about her first foray into voiceover work. "You're making facial expressions as you say the lines so you're like, 'ok, are my facial expressions that I'm making right here going to match what really happens in the movie?'"

In the charming film, Cyrus supplies the voice of Penny, a young actress who must cope with the loss of her beloved pooch Bolt — voiced by John Travolta — after her pup/co-star accidentally gets shipped across America.

While Bolt journeys his way home to Hollywood, he picks up such traveling companions as Rhino, a high-strung rodent housed in a clear hamster ball.

"I wanted to (play him) so bad. I don't care that I'm a girl. I wanted to play



Miley Cyrus supplies the voice of Penny, a young actress who must cope with the loss of her pet pooch, in the animated film Bolt.

the little boy hamster. He's so cute I want to squeeze him everytime I see him," says Cyrus. "I know there'll be a Rhino movie because all the kids are going to fall in love with him."

While moviegoers will have to wait until the film opens Friday to discover Rhino, Cyrus has already earned her own mass of worldwide admirers — and more impressively — the respect of her leg-

endary co-star.

"She's an amazing young woman, very sophisticated," said Travolta about the teen sensation. Although the pair didn't voice together for the movie, they did record a duet for Bolt, a song co-written by Cyrus.

"Miley is kind of the Olivia Newton-John of today and getting to sing with her made me so popular with my kids. I dined out a lot on that one."

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Recreating '70s with music

MUSIQUE NON-STOP: You know that ABC's Life On Mars has confounded its worst expectations when Variety runs a feature about the show's soundtrack.

Music plays as big a role in the ABC Americanization as it does in the BBC original, and you should expect nothing less from a show that, after all, takes its title from a song that was apparently a major part of original creator Ashley Pharoah's inspiration for the British series.

Scott Rosenberg, executive producer of the ABC version, was eager to discover why Pharoah had set the show in 1973.

"I really thought he was going to give me this incredibly hyper-intellectual answer about how 1973 was the moment when the '60s died and the '70s began, with Watergate and Vietnam," Rosenberg told Variety, "and he said, 'Honestly, because that's when the David Bowie song came out.'"

Another recent U.S. show set in the '70s — CBS' Swingtown — also relied on a tune-heavy soundtrack, but the choices were painfully obvious Top 40

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ditties that made the show feel like the Complete Idiot's Guide to the decade.

The British show made spectacular use of period songs, some of them more likely to resonate with British viewers (Slade's Gud-buy T'Jane, Status Quo's Good Thinking, any Roxy Music but Love Is The Drug) and a few pointedly obscure (Colosseum's I Can't Live Without You, copious amounts of Hawkwind and Atomic Rooster.)

Variety describes Rosenberg as a music snob "who'd rather turn viewers on to a slightly obscure track than fall back on a classic rock hit." To that end, lesser glam bands like the Sweet and Mott The Hoople are heard in the background, and when they're playing the Rolling Stones in a bar, it's Out Of Time, not Jumping Jack Flash or (shudder) Wild Horses.

ABC has even put up a streaming radio station on the show's website, featuring period hits, and while writing this it's featured the Beatles doing The Long And Winding Road and Almost Cut My Hair by Crosby, Stills & Nash, underlining what anyone who survived the decade already knows — that the '70s were, at least until 1976, little more than an extended hangover from the '60s.

(More accurately, you can simply say that the real '60s began at some point in mid-1965 and didn't really end until the Sex Pistols played their first gig at a London art college in the fall of 1975.)

All of which makes me eager to give the show the chance I was loathe to grant it during its troubled production history earlier this year — on DVD, of course, provided that ABC doesn't cheap out on music rights, pull a WKRP and replace all the music with studio musicians vamping on the riff from The Boys Are Back In Town.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

MacGyver's the man

TV hero MacGyver has beaten Buffy The Vampire Slayer and 24's Jack Bauer to the top of a new TV action heroes poll by TV Guide. [IMDB.COM](#)



Twilight sees huge pre-opening sales

MOVIES Appropriately for a vampire film, *Twilight* is selling out its upcoming midnight shows at a frightening pace.

Online ticketers Fandango and MovieTickets said Monday that the much-anticipated literary adaptation has sold out hundreds of performances four days before its Friday opening in about 3,400 locations. Fandango said it had sold out almost 700 shows — including 500 or so midnight Thursday screenings — and MovieTickets counted more than 400 sellouts of various showtimes.

Directed by Catherine Hardwicke (*Lords of Dogtown*), *Twilight* is based on a tweens-and-teens series by novelist Stephenie Meyer.

Perfume company suing Prince

IN COURT A perfume company that went into business with musician Prince to make a 3121 fragrance — named after his 2006 album — sued Prince Monday for \$100,000 for failing to help promote the perfume.

Representatives for Prince, who has released 29 albums since 1978, were not immediately available for comment.

REUTERS

In brief

CONCERT Barbadian R&B singer Rihanna has cancelled a sold-out concert in the Indonesian capital Jakarta on Friday because of security concerns, event organizers said. Indonesia has been on alert after three Islamist militants were executed this week for their parts in the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings that killed 202 people.

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Natalie MacMaster calls her busy touring schedule nothing compared to what it used to be.

About 10 years ago, the Cape Breton fiddler would perform more than 200 shows in the course of a year.

But now married with two children — a third coming in mid-February — MacMaster has different priorities and has cut her time on the road basically in half.

Still, MacMaster is scheduled to perform more than 100 times in 2008, showing that her passion for the fiddle and playing in front of crowds remains very strong.

“Every chance I get to go into my world, my own personal world of music, I just thoroughly enjoy it,” MacMaster said. “There’s no chance in getting sick of it or it to be stale. It’s really lovely for me. I just love it.”

MacMaster is currently touring across Atlantic Canada and will perform back-to-back shows on Friday and Saturday with Symphony Nova Scotia at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

It’s been several years since MacMaster first performed with SNS, and the niece of famed Cape Breton fiddler Bubby MacMaster is excited for it to be happening again. MacMaster will perform songs on her own during the performance, and do several with the symphony, including *If Ever You Were Mine*.

“It’s very full,” she said of her sound along with the symphony. “You feel like you’re playing music from a movie soundtrack. It’s very lush and so multi-dimensional and layered. It’s big. It’s big and beautiful.”

After ending her tour of Atlantic Canada with a stop in St. John’s on Nov. 26, MacMaster will take about week off before going to the United States for a se-

ries of shows. After that, she will take it easy until her new baby is born in February.

“For me, I’ve slowed down with every child,” said MacMaster, who has a three-year-old daughter, Mary Francis, and 18-month old son, Michael, with her husband and fellow fiddler Donnell Leahy — a member of the Canadian band Leahy.

“When this baby is born, I’ll probably slow down a little bit again,” MacMaster said.

If you go

- **WHAT:** Natalie MacMaster with Symphony Nova Scotia
- **WHEN:** Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Rebecca Cohn Auditorium
- **COST:** Tickets are \$32.50 to \$47 with seating limited for both shows. Phone 494-3820 or visit [artscentre.dal.ca](#)



Natalie MacMaster returns to the Rebecca Cohn later this week.

critics' corner

Life Is it the handcuffs? When a drug dealer and an elementary-school teacher are found dead in a bad part of town, it looks like a typical drug deal gone bad. But the investigation takes a turn when Crews and Reese (Damian Lewis, Sarah Shahi) discover the dead teacher was a woman who exclusively dated cops — a “badge bunny.” Could the killer be one of their own? 10 PM on NBC



Little Mosque on the Prairie As long as he doesn’t watch “My Super Sweet 16,” he’ll be OK. In this new episode, Layla (Aliza Vellani) is having a milestone birthday, and Baber (Manoj Sood) wants to throw her a party. Thing is, he has no idea where to start, so he asks Yasir (Carlo Rota) for advice. But Yasir knows about as much about throwing a sweet 16 bash as Baber does. Maybe Sarah (Sheila McCarthy) can help. 8 PM on CBC

Sophie The title of this new episode is “The Lost Weekend,” but let’s hope it doesn’t bear any resemblance to the classic film of that name. Sophie (Natalie Brown) takes her mom (Mimi Kuzyk) on a spiritual retreat, leaving little Robbie in the care of Estelle (Sara Botsford) for the first time. Do wacky baby-sitting hijinks ensue? Well, this is a sitcom. 8:30 PM on CBC

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	27	27	27	YTV	Drake & Josh	iCarly	Malcolm-Mid.	Home Improve.	Malcolm-Mid.	Fresh Prince	Futurama	Prank Patrol
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Garner delights Affleck with gaming suite plans
Actress Jennifer Garner dealt her poker-playing husband Ben Affleck a winning hand when she surprised him with her plans to build a private gaming suite for him in their home. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna warns against marriage

PEOPLE Madonna has reportedly told pop star Britney Spears never to get married again, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who recently announced she is divorcing Guy Ritchie after nearly eight years of marriage, has allegedly advised mother-of-two divorcee Spears not to walk down the aisle again. "Britney asked Madonna if she will ever marry again after her split from Guy. Madonna not only said she wouldn't but told Britney to forget about marriage. She said it just doesn't work for girls like them," a source close to Madonna told gossip website AbsoluteNow.com.

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Sutherland recalls stint in slammer

PEOPLE Months after Kiefer Sutherland completed his seven-week jail sentence for DUI, the 24 star still shivers at the thought of what he endured, People.com reports.

"There's no smoking," Sutherland, 41, tells *Men's Vogue* in its December/January issue, which hits newsstands Tuesday. "The lights never go out, 24/7. You can't cover anything. You can't even put your head under a blanket. All the cells have cameras in them."

Although Sutherland has resumed smoking, the knowledge that he could go 48 days without his Camels is a comforting



thought.

"My drinking was not a daily thing, so it wasn't an issue. And, oddly enough, neither was the smoking," he tells the magazine, adding, "I was very glad to know that I could quit. And one day soon I will."

One thing that didn't work out, he says, was the roommate situation.

"I was told, you know, 'You'll have your own cell.' But I didn't for the first two or three weeks; I had a cell mate," he says. "He got out, but not for long. He came back in pretty quick."

24's new season begins Sunday.

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Scarlett flattered by being Katy's muse

PEOPLE Some stars get fan mail. Scarlett Johansson got a platinum-certified single, People.com reports.

When told that her lips inspired Katy Perry to pen her hit *I Kissed A Girl*, Johansson, who recently married Ryan Reynolds, tells December's *Allure*, "That's flattering, but my lips are kind of taken."

In fact, until Perry's melody was pointed out to her, "I had no idea (about the song)," says Johansson, 24. "I should get a cut!"

Yet when the topic of how she met Reynolds, 32, comes up, Johansson cuts off the conversation.

"Nobody knows," she says. "It's private. It's our story."

And while she won't reveal the details of their past, Johansson does exhibit a carefree mindset

toward the future.

"I always wanted to get married and have kids," she says. "I just never had any preconceived idea about what that would be like ... My life seems to be happening naturally."

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Kidman 'reeling' at leaving baby

FAMILY Nicole Kidman admitted she was "reeling" Tuesday at the Sydney premiere of her new epic *Australia*, but not from the cameras or crowds, People.com reports.

What had her so stressed? The actress and her husband, Keith Urban, had to leave four-month-old daughter Sunday Rose back home in Nashville, Tenn. — half a world away.

"I had to leave her for 24 hours," Kidman said. "I haven't done that yet and so I'm still reeling."

Still, the Oscar-winner said missing the premiere was simply not an option.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Cohen crashes set of *Medium*

ANTICS Production on Patricia Arquette's hit TV drama *Medium* came to a halt recently when comic Sacha Baron Cohen invaded the set as his fashion reporter creation Bruno, imdb.com reports.

Filming was temporarily shut down as Baron Cohen, posing as an extra, was forcibly removed from the set after interrupting a tense courtroom scene.

"No one had a clue it was Sacha playing Bruno. It's amazing he was able to infiltrate the set and pull this off," an insider for the show tells ew.com.

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Jolie not ready to retire yet

CAREER Angelina Jolie has backtracked on her decision to "fade away" from acting, insisting she's not ready to retire yet, imdb.com reports.

The Oscar winner recently suggested she was finished with films, and wanted to quit so she could spend more time with her six children and partner Brad Pitt.

Hinting her retirement was imminent, she said, "I don't plan to keep acting very long, I'm ready to do a few things now and fade away and get ready to be a grandma one day."

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Washington still bitter?

CONTROVERSY Actor Isaiah Washington is still bitter about the way he was ousted from hit medical drama *Grey's Anatomy* because reports suggested he attended rehab sessions to conquer his alleged homophobia, imdb.com reports.

The star was fired from the show after an on-set altercation with Patrick Dempsey, in which he referred to gay castmate T.R. Knight as a f—.

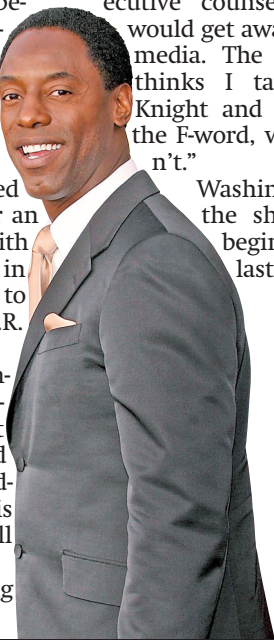
But Washington insists the whole incident was blown out of proportion, and suggestions he needed counselling for his comments are all wrong.

"The rehab thing

was incorrect," he says. "There's no such thing as rehabilitation. I was given an opportunity to go to executive counselling so I would get away from the media. The world still thinks I taunted T.R. Knight and called him the F-word, which I didn't."

Washington left the show at the beginning of last year.

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Spears compares her life to prison

PEOPLE Britney Spears says her life is like being in prison, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer suffered a public breakdown earlier this year resulting in her father Jamie becoming co-conservator of her estate, but has recently wowed fans with her sleek new image after getting her personal life back on track. However, Spears has revealed she is not completely happy.

"There's no excitement, there's no passion. I have really good days, and then I have bad days," Spears said.

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Photos of Hilton may upset beau

RELATIONSHIPS Paris Hilton may be in hot water with her rocker boyfriend Benji Madden after photos of her and former beau Stavros Niarchos flirting in a club were published, imdb.com reports.

The socialite was spotted getting friendly with her shipping heir ex, whom she dated for more than a year, before they split in 2006.

But Hilton seemed to be on good terms with Niarchos as they parted together in Miami, Fla., hotspot Mokai nightclub over the weekend.

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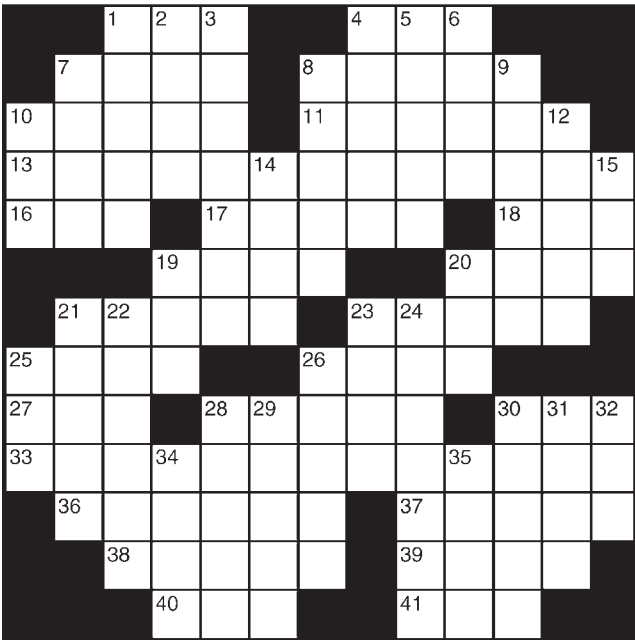


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7 Eins, zwei, —

8 Gives a hoot

10 Existence

11 Charlie's staff

13 2008 Greg Kinnear film

16 Shark part

17 Rough woolen fabric

18 Conk out

19 Coop group

20 Ballet leap

21 Expositions

23 Attention-getting light
- 25 "My bad"

26 Connect

27 Dandy

28 Cheech's partner

30 Eventual aves

33 Here today, gone tomorrow type

36 Arm holder

37 Pollster's find

38 Hamstrings

39 Green land

40 "Mayday!"

41 "CSI" evidence

Crossword down

- 1 "Family Guy" dog

2 Photog's choice

3 More constricting

4 Gamut

5 Incited

6 Existed

7 Where heros are made?

8 Small restaurants

9 Pitcher's option

10 Closest pal, to a texter

12 Hotel accommodation

14 Possesses

15 Witness

19 That guy's

20 One of the Brady bunch
- 21 Puts one over on

22 Shock

23 Type selection

24 Illumi-nated

25 Vacationing

26 Singer Norah

28 Medical treatment, for short

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30 Beethoven's "Fidelio," e.g.

31 Barn roof adornment

32 Moreover

34 Vast expanses

35 Ms. Brockovich

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart	
Under 13 min	Genius	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	Scholar	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Chinese Beef Stir-Fry

INGREDIENTS:

- 7 oz (200 g) lean beef steak

1 tsp (10 mL) cornflour

1 tsp (5 mL) five-spice powder

1 carrot, peeled

1 small leek, trimmed

6 spring onions, sliced diagonally

1/2 red pepper, seeded and cut into strips

3.5 oz (100 g) dried rice noodles

1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) soy sauce

1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) rice wine

1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) vegetable oil

1 large garlic clove, finely chopped

1/3 inch (2 cm) piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped

1 red chili pepper, seeded and finely chopped

METHOD:

1. Cut meat across the grain into 2-inch (5-cm) wide pieces, then cut each piece into very thin strips. Place in a small bowl with cornflour and five-spice powder. Mix until meat is coated.

2. Cut carrot and leek into 2-inch (5-cm) lengths, then cut each piece into thin matchsticks. Put in a bowl along with spring onions and

- red pepper.

3. Soak noodles in a bowl of lightly salted boiling water for 3 minutes. Drain and refresh in cold water, then drain again. Combine soy sauce, rice wine and 1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) of water in a small jug or bowl.

4. Place a wok or large frying pan over high heat. When hot, add 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil and, when it has just begun smoking, toss in meat and stir-fry for 2–3 minutes until cooked through. Remove with a slotted spoon. Add remaining oil with garlic, ginger and chili pepper. Stir-fry for 30 seconds, then add vegetables and toss around for another 30 seconds.

5. Stir in soy sauce mixture and, as soon as liquid is bubbling, mix in drained noodles then meat. Serve immediately, with soy sauce to sprinkle over the top.

SERVES 2

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Be cautious but not fearful. Other people are on some weird kind of a tangent. Avoid making radical changes in your home.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
There's shocking news about a former partner. Tend to your chores in spite of a persistent daydream. Take notes when a friend introduces fresh ideas.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A depressing problem will soon be solved. Optimism is required to improve your circumstances. Avoid telling secrets to a stranger.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Somebody's sharp tongue leaves you feeling miserable. Nervous tension is increasing again. Any act of kindness will be rewarded.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A love life improvement is coming soon. Watch out for unpredictable drivers. Do not repeat an idiotic error.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A joyful reunion is coming soon. A puzzling turn of events surprises you. A harmless person comes to your rescue.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A financial windfall is on the way. Rage blows over quickly when faced with silence. A man talks tough because he's compassionate.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Plans are thwarted by a gutless person. Refuse to be miserable about minor failures. Remove a guilty secret from your conscience.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You'll get a blessing in disguise. Difficulties arise in a damaged friendship. Carelessness in money matters provokes severe regret.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't take any unnecessary risks. A pleasant surprise is due at any moment. Impediments will become stepping-stones.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't go looking for a fight. Use humour to deflect criticism. Mediocrity disappears when maturity kicks in.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Help a friend over a rough patch. Be scrupulous in clearing up obstacles. Make a phone call to reinforce an important relationship.



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1. Obtained a hotel rollaway bed (1)

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2. Mad British stage king's javelins (1)

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3. Chunky offspring of a rooster (1)

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4. Tidy avenue (1)

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5. Comedienne Joan trembles with cold (2)

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6. Give a military sign of respect to a lug (2)

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7. Dressing table's sea cow designs (3)

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ANSWERS

1. RIVERS SHIVERS 2. LEARS SPEARS 3. THICK CHICK 4. NEAT STREET

5. LOOT LOOT 7. VANITYS MANATEES

This day in history

- NOV. 19, 1493: Christopher Columbus goes ashore on an island he first saw the day before. He names it San Juan Bautista (later renamed Puerto Rico).

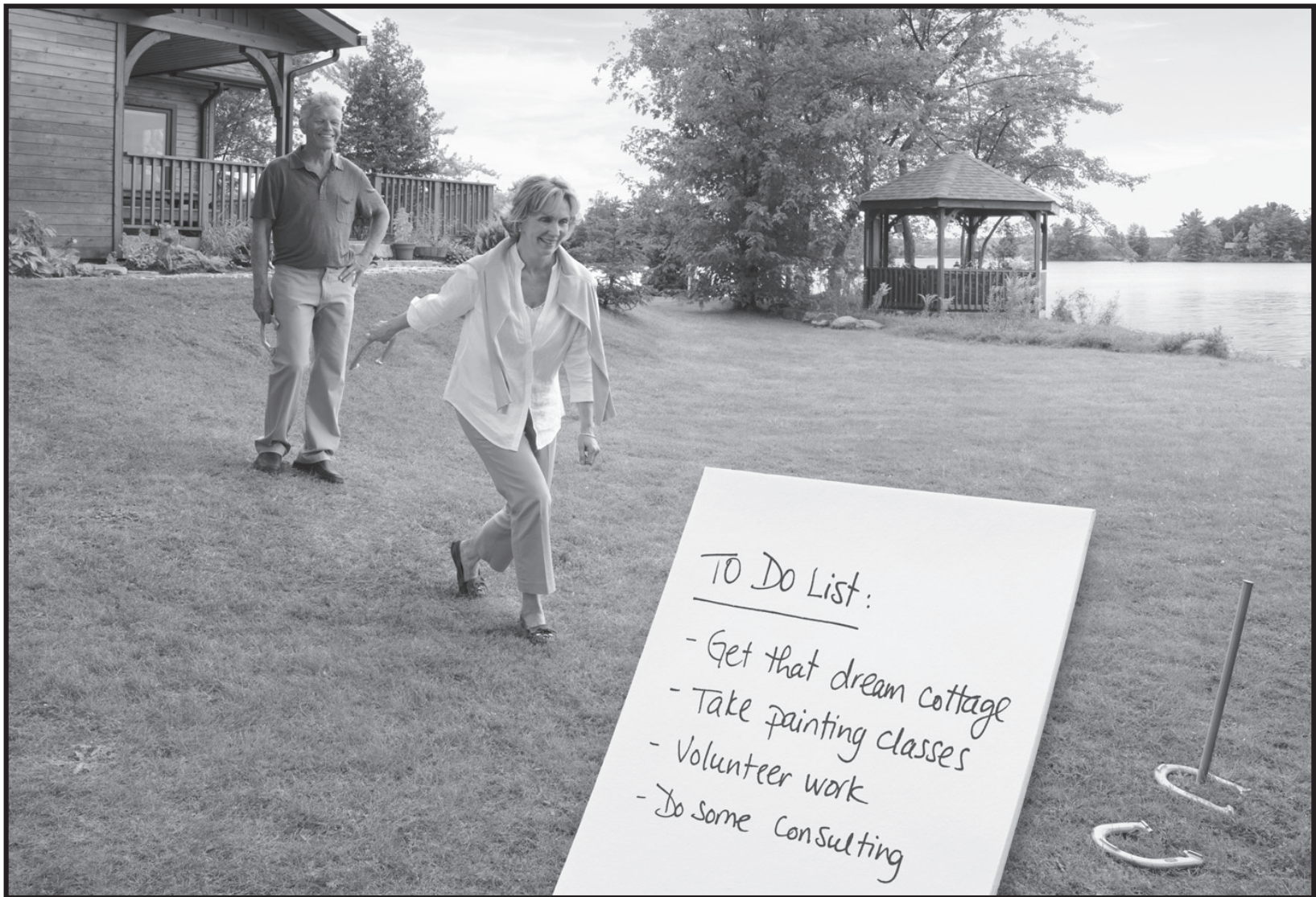
NOV. 19, 1916: Samuel Goldwyn and Edgar Selwyn establish Goldwyn Pictures (the company later became one of the most successful independent filmmakers).

NOV. 19, 1950: U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower becomes supreme commander of NATO-Europe.

NOV. 19, 1955: National Review publishes its first issue.

NOV. 19, 1969: Football player Pelé scores his 1,000th goal.

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